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Eviction of tenants by landholders.

* 94 Q.—Sri K. MANATHUNAINATHA DESIGAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representation regarding large scale eviction of tenants by landholders after the publication of the Press Note of July 1st by the Government;

(b) if so, from what districts and how many cases of eviction have been reported; and

(c) what action the Government have taken on them?

The Hon. Sri H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" No representations regarding large scale eviction of tenants after 1st July 1951 were received except from four villages of Tanjore district. The total number of evictions reported from these four villages was 103. The Rural Labour Conciliation Officers concerned tried to bring about a settlement between the landlords and tenants in the above cases. The Collector had reported in October 1951 that the total number of tenants evicted in Tanjore district during the previous one year was less than 1 per cent of the total number of tenants in the district. No further action was therefore considered necessary."

Sri K. MANATHUNAINATHA DESIGAR :—" May I know whether justice has been done to the tenants evicted in those four villages? "

The Hon. Sri H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" It is a matter of opinion, Sir."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" As the Rural Labour Conciliation Officer has failed to bring about a settlement, what further steps have the Government taken to examine whether the evictions were justified and if they were not justified, whether the land will be restored to the evicted tenants? "

The Hon. Sri H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" That aspect of the matter has not been gone into. In view of the fact that on an examination of the Land Revenue Reforms Committee report, a certain change of policy is likely to result in the land revenue system of the State, I think this question had better be deferred till decisions are taken on that report."

Scales of salaries of teachers.

* 95 Q.—Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO (on behalf of Sri B. Bhima Rao): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received representations from the South Indian Teachers' Guild or Federation about increase of the scale of salaries of teachers;

(b) whether the Government have considered the representations and arrived at any decision thereon; and

(c) if so, what their decision is?

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) to (c) A representation has been received from the South Indian Teachers' Union communicating the recommendations of the Conference of the Presidents and Secretaries of the District Teachers' Guilds on the subject. The matter is under consideration."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know in what stage of consideration the matter still is? The then Minister for Education, Sri K. Madhava Menon, gave us an assurance about the revision of the scales of pay of secondary grade teachers."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The scales of pay of teachers were revised along with the general revision of the scales of pay of Government servants in 1947. Since then a further revision of the scales of pay of certain categories of teachers like pandits has been made. The Government are now examining the possibility of raising the scales of pay of secondary grade teachers in secondary schools and also of allowing slightly higher scales of pay for L.T. Assistants employed in aided high schools with 25 sections and more."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that during the last session, the then Hon. Minister for Education assured me that the Government had decided to increase the scales of pay of secondary grade teachers? May I know when that decision will be given effect to or whether such a decision was not arrived at at all and the announcement made on the floor of the House was not correct?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No decision has so far been arrived at, Sir."

Co-operative farming.

* 96 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether instructions have been issued by the Central Government to encourage co-operative farming and associate farming and if so, what the plan of action is to give effect to those directions?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" In 1945 the Policy Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries set up by the Government of India recommended that pilot experiments should be tried by State Governments to study the relative merits of different forms of farm organization. The Government of India endorsed the recommendation and suggested that experiments might be made in Co-operative and Collective Farming. Early in 1951, the Central Government also recommended that associated farms might be set up by public institutions wherever possible.

" This Government have been encouraging co-operative land colonization societies and giving them all possible assistance. In regard to collective farming, this Government are awaiting the results of experiments conducted in other States.